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Summary of the Microsoft judgement:

Microsoft could not have dreamed up a better judgement if they tried!  
Imagine being punished by advertising your own products!!

Proposed judgement:

Since Microsoft's actions affected the rights of the people, I propose the following:

1) Microsoft would pay 2 billion dollars to start a trust fund that would operate in perpetuity and support the development of free software. The Free Software Foundation or similar organization could be a good target for this effort. Their web address is <http://www.gnu.org/> . This effort would further develop the foundational software for computers that is similar to the infrastructure of our national highway system. I hate toll roads!

This action would seem to be the punishment that fits the crime. It would encourage competition, creativity, and reward the WORLD with free software. It would also allow Microsoft to compete as one company and stay competitive.

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